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Passing of colors

Neller hands off 3rd MarDiv to Laster

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CAMP FOSTER — Maj. Gen. Robert B. Neller relinquished command of the 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, to Brig. Gen. James B. Laster in a change of command ceremony at Camp Hansen, Aug. 20.

The ceremony was executed traditional military style and included a manual of arms in honor of Neller.

During his remarks at the end of the ceremony, Neller praised the efforts of his Marines and staff for the duration of his command.

"You all represent the 7,000 Marines and sailors in this division," he said to the six companies of troops in formation behind him.

Neller said his most significant accomplishments with 3rd MarDiv were not solely his doing, but the doing of those around him as well.

"Individually, I don't think I've had the accomplishments," he said.

"It's been the units, and the Marines within those units, that have made this tour successful," he said.

Neller said being in command of 3rd MarDiv has been his toughest assignment yet.

"Having served with all three MEFs, I can surely say that this is the toughest MEF assignment in the Marine Corps," Neller said.

Neller expressed his pride in working with Marines stationed far from their families and homes.

"We should be proud that we're here," he said. "Even though we're a long way from home, we get the job done."

Okinawa holds many pleasant memories for him and his family, Neller said. "It's impossible to list just one."

"We've had the opportunity and privilege to visit another country, and the value of the local and military friends we've made here is priceless," he said.

Neller's next assignment is as president of Marine Corps University in Quantico, Va.

Neller said he expects the Marines of 3rd MarDiv to continue the hard work, and issued them a challenge.

"Make the decision everyday when you wake up to give 110%," he said. "If you do, I guarantee you'll be recognized for your efforts. If you don't, you'll still be recognized. It's your choice. As for me, I prefer the first."



Sgt. Maj. Robert C. Hollings, left, the sergeant major of 3rd Marine Division, III Marine Expeditionary Force, stands ready to pass the division's organizational colors to Maj. Gen. Robert B. Neller, middle, who will then pass them to Brig. Gen. James B. Laster, right, at the change of command ceremony on Camp Hansen, Aug. 20. Photo by Pfc. Lora Harter

NCIS catching child porn users with efficiency, perseverance

Pfc. Jovane M. Holland

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CAMP FOSTER — Recently a Marine at Camp Pendleton, Calif., was convicted of viewing child pornography on his personal computer and cell phone. He was sentenced to four years imprisonment and received a bad conduct discharge.

According to Maj. Jayson L. Durden, the military justice officer for the legal office here, the viewing of child pornography is a problem that has become prevalent within all branches

of service in the military.

It's illegal to view child porn on any computer work or personal.

"Accessibility to the Internet is one reason the number of cases against service members viewing child pornography has risen," Durden said.

There are many factors involved in the increased number of prosecutions among service members, according to Naval Criminal Investigative Service officials here.

"The rising number of convictions involving child pornography is not necessarily due

to a rise in its viewing, but to more initiative from a law enforcement standpoint," said Kay Een, a special agent with NCIS here.

"Also, there's more of an education across the spectrum from leadership to the noncommissioned officers to the enlisted members.

"We're educating them on what child pornography is and what the ramifications of possessing and viewing it are, and I think this heightens awareness for everyone," Een said.

Durden said there is not a certain type of

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Capt. Matthew Freeman is remembered at a memorial at the Camp Foster Chapel, Aug. 17. Freeman, a Marine KC-130 pilot, died during combat operations in Afghanistan.

Freedom is never free

"He stood for something bigger than himself. He stood for his country"

Lance Cpl. Monty Burton

Deploying to a combat environment opens your eyes to a lot of things.

One of those is the amount of courage and patriotism the Marines on the ground display day in and day out.

OPINION Our Marine Corps recently lost one of those brave patriots.

Capt. Matthew Freeman, a Marine KC-130 pilot, died Aug. 7 during combat operations in Afghanistan, making the ultimate sacrifice to protect our great country.

I have learned many Marines like Freeman give up everything they had on the battlefield. When it seemed like the days could get no darker, they stood their ground and fought to the death.

The story of Freeman, and all the other proud

Americans like him, should show us that the luxuries we take for granted are paid for in the blood and tears of these war heroes and those closest to them.

Almost every day in America, there is a war protest. Almost every day, there is somebody criticizing the efforts of the courageous young men and women constantly putting their lives on the line.

Why?

These individuals criticize the efforts of warriors like Freeman, who had everything going for him, and yet still chose to join the military. His choice helped ensure the men and women of our country will continue to enjoy the liberties and unalienable rights on which we built our constitution.

These protesting individuals fail to realize the enormous sacrifice our fallen angels have

made. It seems they forgot the 2,752 people who were murdered on that frightful day of Sept. 11, 2001. It seems to me that day didn't bother these individuals.

But that day bothered men like Freeman.

Freeman knew the possible outcomes of war when he was commissioned as a Marine officer, and yet he was unfazed by the dangers.

That was because he stood for something bigger than himself. He stood for his country.

Let these Americans not be forgotten. Let their memories be forever ingrained on the walls of our minds. Let their song be forever sung.

As we remember Marines like Freeman, we must also remember everything comes with a price. We must remember freedom is never free.

Burton is a combat correspondent with the Okinawa Marine Newspaper.

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A: Yes, this is true. According to MCO 1050.31J, only Marines traveling by privately owned vehicle outside of the local area are authorized to start their leave at 1201 and return at 1200. All others must start and end their leave in conjunction with duty hours, 0700-1700.



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Bangladesh, U.S. treat nearly a thousand daily

Cpl. Heather Golden

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CHILMARI, Bangladesh – A team of Bangladesh Army and Okinawa-based U.S. Navy medical personnel treated about 100 patients more than the expected quota during a Medical Civil Action Project, Aug. 4, as part of Bangladesh Interoperability Program '09.

MEDCAP personnel from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and 3rd Medical Battalion and 3rd Dental Battalion, both with 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, planned for at least 800 patients a day at each of the free medical and dental clinics.

They totaled 902 patients by the end of the day.

Since then, the final count for the joint-nationality team repeatedly hit beyond the 800 mark.

The team was a conglomeration of Bangladesh Army and U.S. Navy doctors, dentists, corpsmen and technicians, and was an integral part of BIP '09, which lasted from Aug. 1-11.

Three Marine augments from Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni and 3rd Medical Battalion helped provide security and assisted with patient flow at the triage location.

"It is very important to the people of Bangladesh to get access to doctors, free of cost, especially since they have very poor access to medicine," said Bangladesh Army Maj. Shawkat Hayat, an optometrist.

In order to reach such a high level of success, the two separate groups had to perfect how they work together as a single team.

This included bringing open minds to work each day.

"We learn from their experience, and they took some from us," said Navy Lt. Andrew Himm, a dentist with 3rd Dental Battalion, 3rd MLG, III MEF.

"The fact that we work together to create a smooth working environment helps out," said Himm, a native of Livonia, Mich.

"Every day gets a little bit easier," added

Navy Lt. Megan Diaz-Freed, another 3rd Dental Bn. dentist. "We understand each other a little bit more. Understanding our differences and talking about them helps us work together better."

The time spent together learning and adapting, created bonds between members of the two teams, and gave every individual a broader concept of the other's culture.

"Working with Americans has been a great experience," said Hayat, from Narail District, Bangladesh. "You are Christian, I am Muslim. But we are all still people. I see very little difference."

Mutual understanding is only half of the success story's cause, Diaz-Freed, who is from Calmer, Iowa, also cited the corpsmen and their Bangladeshi counterparts with keeping the days running smoothly.

If there are any problems in organization or patient flow, they are taken care of before the doctors even know a problem existed, she said.

"It's the hard work of the corpsmen and their work ethic," Diaz-Freed said. "I have to give credit to them. Any flaws or breaks, and they step it up."

The clinics offered dental, optometry and general practice medical services to the impoverished local population.

Each U.S. Navy doctor was paired with at least one native Bangladeshi doctor to provide translation and help with patient care.

There were also two Bangladeshi nurses who rotated to help each team of doctors.

According to Diaz-Freed, the presence of the native doctors served another purpose she didn't originally count on.

"They relate to the people and make it that much more efficient," she said. "They put confidence in their patients to trust American doctors and encourage them to receive our care."

BIP '09 is a combined bilateral operation to promote joint military cooperation and promote goodwill between the Bangladesh and the United States.

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person who resorts to child pornography.

"It really runs the gamut," said Durden. "In my experience, I've seen from privates to officers court-martialed on child pornography charges.

Military members use various methods to hide their use of child pornography- using credit cards to exchanging images through chat rooms or downloading images at Internet cafes and viewing them on government computers, said Durden.

"These methods have not proved to be successful.

"A lot of our investigations are initiated when a family member or friend comes across these images on someone's computer, and they report it to us," said Een.

"It's really important that these Marines, sailors and family members recognize that this is a very serious offense, and that if they do come across these images, to go to the proper authorities and report it," Een said.

Offenders are charged under Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

"Punishments almost always include demotion, a felony conviction, dishonorable discharge, confinement, and registration as a sex offender for life," said Een. "The repercussions of these crimes last for a lifetime. They follow you forever."

"This is not a victimless crime," Een added.

The people clicking open the file of an inappropriate photo of a child are just as guilty as those taking the pictures, Een said.

"The term pornography is often used to talk about consenting adults who agree to be videotaped or photographed and consent to have those images put in public form," Een said. "When we're dealing with children, however, they have no way of consenting. They are being raped and sexually molested."

Durden said service members suspected of viewing, distributing or trading any form of child pornography will be investigated, apprehended and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the UCMJ.

"Basically all cases of child pornography face general court-martial," said Durden. "The command takes these kinds of charges very seriously."

Many perpetrators fail to comprehend the severity of the situation beyond their own physical desires, according to Een.

They may forget these children are real, she said.

"The severity of the crime is the fact that there are victims out there who have to struggle and deal with the sexual exploitation that occurred in their lives," said Een.

"It follows them for the rest of their lives," she added.

If someone fears he or she might be at risk for this type of behavior, they can call the Marine Corps Community Services counseling and advocacy program at 645-8915 for help.

Foster's Green Line bus stop improved

Maj. Gen. Mary Ann Krusa-Dossin, the commanding general of Marine Corps Base Camp Butler and deputy commander of Marine Corps Bases Japan, delivers a speech at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the improved Camp Foster Green Line bus stop behind the exchange, Aug. 21.

The new bus stop's construction was part of the quality of life program, Krusa-Dossin said. The new bus stop was designed so Green Line patrons can keep out of bad weather, she added. New editions to the bus stop include an awning to protect passengers from the elements and ventilated walls.

Photo by Pfc. Justin R. Wheeler



BRIEFS**TAKE SEXUAL ASSAULT ONLINE SURVEY!**

The Inspector General of the Marine Corps Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program encourages all Marines and Navy personnel, active duty and reserve, assigned to Marine Corps units, to complete a sexual assault survey which can be accessed directly at www.manpower.usmc.mil/sas.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY DAY

A safety day will be held in the parking lot of the base theater on Camp Hansen, today, 8 a.m. until noon.

Safety day events include a stunt show, hands-on applications and training video viewing.

For more information, contact MCB Camp Butler motorcycle training section at 634-2450.

CREDO MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP

The workshop provides couples with the tools to communicate more effectively and work as a team to preserve and enhance their relationship. The next workshop will be Sept. 18 at building 442 on Camp Foster. Participants must sign up by Sept. 16.

For more information and registration call 645-3041.

KADENA GAS STATION CLOSURE

Kadena Fairchild gas station will be closed until Sept. 19.

YOUNG MARINES INSTRUCTOR REQUEST

Camp Foster's Young Marines Program is looking for dedicated and committed volunteers for instructors. Military or civilian volunteers are welcomed.

For more information, call 645-1323 or (080)3503-5097.

MARINE THRIFT SHOP DISCOUNT

The Camp Foster Marine Thrift Shop is offering a special discount for all active duty service members E-5 and below on the first Saturday of each month.

Families of service members can also receive this discount.

Hours of operation are Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It is located down the hill from the Installation Personnel Administration Center in building 5691 on Camp Foster.

For more information on special discounts, location, volunteering and donations, please call the Marine Thrift Shop at 645-6025.

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Test your ability to listen to, read and comprehend a foreign language with the Defense Language Proficiency Test.

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DLPT testing is offered weekly at the Camp Foster Education Center.

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Capt. Matthew Howard, company commander, Military Police Company, Combat Logistics Regiment 37, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force, unveils the Military Police Company guidon during a ceremony held at the CLR-37 Headquarters building, Aug. 7. The formation was held to honor the activation of Military Police Company, CLR-37. Photo by Sgt. Leon M. Branchaud

III MEF subordinate commands get own Military Police Company

Lance Cpl. Antwain J. Graham

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CAMP FOSTER – Each major subordinate command within the III Marine Expeditionary Force is scheduled to receive its own military police company.

These new companies will provide the subordinate commands with more combat support capabilities applicable across the range of military operations, said Capt. James Dollard, Military Police Company commanding officer, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

According to Headquarters Marine Corps Bulletin 5400, these companies' resources will come from all Marine Air Ground Task

Force elements to increase military police capability within the III MEF.

"This is going to increase combat efficiency in the long run and allow each III MEF MSC to give their full support to the combat element," Dollard said.

The 1st MAW was the first command to activate a military police company Aug. 3 at the MWSS-172 compound here.

3rd Marine Logistics Group's military police company activation ceremony followed Aug. 7 at Headquarters Company on Camp Kinser.

The 3rd Marine Division and III MEF Headquarters Group's military police companies will hold activation ceremonies for their new military police companies within the next few months.

Okinawa-based aviation units fly high with MCAA awards

Lance Cpl. Monty Burton

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CAMP FOSTER – Two Okinawa-based aviation units and three Okinawa-based aviation Marines were selected as winners of numerous Marine Corps Aviation Association awards July 28.

Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, based on Marine Corps Air Station Futenma was selected for the Henry Wildfang Award of Aerial/ Refueler/ Transport Squadron of the year.

Maj. Charles Miles, the squadron's executive officer, said the award shows the hard work the Marines of his unit put into their mission everyday.

"We received the award primarily because of what we are doing now and what we have done

in the past," he said. "We have a very robust exercise schedule and we support numerous missions tasked by III Marine Expeditionary Force. On top of that, we also have a detachment supporting Operation Enduring Freedom."

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265, 1st MAW, was selected for MCAA's Commandants Aviation Trophy.

Capt. Christopher Nelson of Marine Air Support Squadron 2, 1st MAW, was awarded the Control Officer of the Year; Master Sgt. Gary Gumienny of MASS-2, was awarded the Command/Control Marine of the Year; and Sgt. Thomas Reed of Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, 1st MAW, was awarded the NCO leadership award.

The awards ceremony will be held Oct. 8-10 in Reno, Nev., during the 38th Annual MCAA Symposium and Awards dinner.

SOTG coxswain course adds helocasts to course curriculum

Lance Cpl. Abigail M. Wharton

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KIN BLUE BEACH TRAINING AREA, Okinawa, Japan — Helicopters flew close to the water as Marines pumped with adrenaline stepped off the back ramp into the waves surging below during helocast training, Aug. 18, as part of the III Marine Expeditionary Force's Special Operations Training Group coxswain course.

Helocasting is an insertion method in which Marines jump from helicopters into water with any gear necessary for their mission.

When a jump includes a combat rubber reconnaissance craft with attached engine, it is called a soft duck.

This type of insertion allows Marines to get closer to an objective before using a craft's fuel. The SOTG

added helocasting to its coxswain course to increase Marines' insertion capabilities.

"This kind of training is not required to be a coxswain," said Gunnery Sgt. George Kozlowski, chief instructor, Amphibious Raids Platoon, SOTG, III MEF. "But, it broadens the skills and horizons of the coxswain students."

"It's important for Marines to have a broad spectrum of skills," he added.

During helocasting insertions, weather, terrain and tactical needs of the operation have to be taken into consideration, Kozlowski said. If silence is required, then Marines must helocast far enough away from the objective to not be heard.

During the training, the Marines helocast in six-man boat teams. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Air-



Students in the III Marine Expeditionary Force's Special Operations Training Group coxswain course move a combat rubber reconnaissance craft into the tail of a CH-46E Sea Knight flown by the Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 265, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. The students were preparing to make a soft-duck helocast in which Marines jump from the helicopters with the rubber craft. Photo by Lance Cpl. Abigail M. Wharton

craft Wing, provided two CH-46E Sea Knights for the SOTG training.

Helocasting is exciting even for those who have already done it, said Lance Cpl. Alan Crawley Jr., a scout swimmer with SOTG, III MEF, on his fifth helocast.

"It's still an adrenaline rush," Crawley said. "Your heart is beating fast, and then salt water hits your eyes; you see the dark water, and hope you survive."

The goal for Marines completing the training was to get them accustomed to jumping into the water

from a helicopter.

"We just want every Marine to jump without getting scared," Kozlowski said.

"The day went pretty well," said Poli Saufoi, assistant coxswain instructor, SOTG. "This is probably the best group I've seen so far."

Navigating Okinawa through public transportation is easy, cheap

Pfc. Jovane M. Holland

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NAHA, Okinawa, Japan — Okinawa is a subtropical island offering countless opportunities for military members and their families stationed here. They have the opportunity to explore a different culture and see new places.

However, for those who do not own a vehicle, roaming freely around the island can be difficult and very costly.

Walking is good for people, but it isn't feasible when the places to explore are distant.

Taxis, though time-efficient, can burn through money faster than forest fires.

Begging rides from friends is also not always convenient.

The local public bus system can be a viable solution for exploring the island.

Though inexpensive, some may be leery of using the public buses off base.

The biggest intimidator is that bus stops, des-

tinations and schedules are all in Japanese.

However, deciphering the code of the Okinawan bus system is a lot easier than many service members might think.

All it takes is knowing where to go, using a little common sense and keeping an open mind.

Though maps of bus routes printed on the bus stop signs are in Japanese, travelers only need to know the route number for where they want to go.

Then they can pinpoint their final destination by following the route numbers on the roads.

Route numbers one through 17 are part of the City Line, and numbers 20 and greater are on the Suburban Line.

There are seven suburban terminals and one Naha city terminal on Okinawa.

As passengers enter a bus, they must take a ticket from the machine next to the driver before finding a seat.

The ticket number will determine the fare paid when disembarking the bus at the final destination.

Bus drivers announce the name of each stop in Japanese before the bus arrives.

Once a stop is announced, passengers wishing to depart at that stop must signal the bus to stop by pressing the button near the window.

Knowing the Japanese name of a destination can save a lot of unnecessary backtracking if a passenger misses the desired stop.

When the bus stops, look at the ticket number and match it to the board displayed above the bus driver.

The bus fare owed is displayed underneath the corresponding number on the board.

Fares can only be paid in yen, so be sure to exchange dollars before a trip.

Although the ticket machine can make change for bills, it is simpler to have exact fare in hand when departing the bus. The ticket machine can only make change for 1000 yen bills and coins.

Four steps to bus success

Navigating Okinawa's bus system may seem intimidating at first, but with these simple steps you will reach your destination with ease.



STEP 1

Pick your route

Route maps indicate bus stops and show the courses each bus line takes. On the opposite side of the sign is a bus schedule.



STEP 2

Take a ticket

This machine is the key. As you enter the bus, take a numbered ticket. When you depart, deposit your fare and ticket into the top slot. You can also insert ¥1,000 bills to receive change.



STEP 3

Stopping

Press the red window button located near your seat as you approach your destination.

STEP 4

Render payment

On your way out, match your ticket number to the corresponding number on the electronic panel. The price listed below is your fare.



Letters & Numbers

Story and Photos by Pfc. Jovane M. Holland

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The Exceptional Family Member Program hosted a Letters & Numbers event for children with exceptional needs at the Personnel Services Center here Aug. 12.

According to Marine Corps Order P1754.4A, the EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program for all active-duty personnel and active reservists with special needs family members.

"The primary objective of EFMP is to ensure that Marine sponsors are assigned to locations where services exist to support their exceptional family member," said Elizabeth Treon, the EFMP manager for Okinawa and mainland Japan. "An exceptional family member includes those with psychological, educational or medical needs."

The Letters & Numbers event was part of the 2nd Annual Exceptionally Fun Summer Series, which hosts free activities to exceptional family members throughout the summer months. Activities include bowling, cake decorating, cooking, gardening, children's crafts, Kokeshi doll-making, swimming and yoga.

Treon said the extracurricular event supported the concept of "playing to learn".

"The activities we host are educational, but we make it fun for the kids," she said. "They have no idea while they're enjoying themselves, they're also mastering motor and social skills."

Jennifer Schrager, an occupational therapist with the Educational Development Intervention Services here, taught the course, and said the method was a great way for the children to become efficient writers.

"The kids really have fun while they're learning," she said. "It's so exciting to see them learn and observe how they grow."

Children participated in several events, including a flashlight-writing session, painting activity, singing and dancing.

The children also received encouragement and extra help from their parents, who stayed at the class for the afternoon as well.

"They take their time working with the kids,"

Kimberly Brochin said about the EFMP staff. Her son, Gavin Brochin, 4, was a participant. "All the activities they provide are just awesome, and Gavin always looks forward to coming," she said.

Gavin said he enjoyed his time at the event, too.

"I liked painting best," he said.

There are not many opportunities, schools or programs available specifically for English-speaking exceptional family members living on base, so events like this are important, Treon said.

"The EFMP goes the extra mile to make sure no steps are missed when assisting these families," Treon said. "We provide the activities, many of them free-of-charge, and try to keep it interactive and interesting."

Treon said she is eager to continue providing activities for EFMP with the cooperation of Educational and Developmental Intervention Services and recognizes the benefits received from families who participate.

"It's wonderful to have these families together sharing experiences, challenges and triumphs," she said. "They really bond together to relate to and empower each other. One family may have more experience with their exceptional family member and be able to share lessons with a newly diagnosed child and their family. That is the best benefit of the EFMP."

In addition to activities like this, EFMP also provides counseling, respite care and more, to those enrolled in the program.

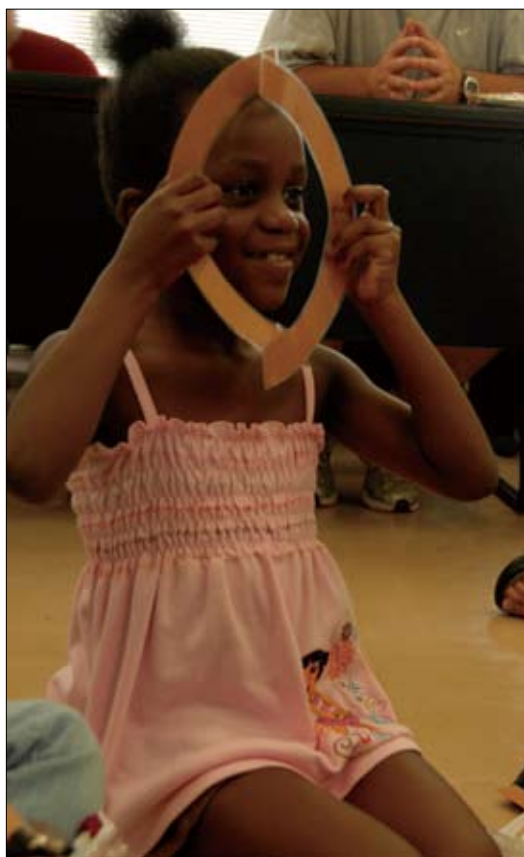
Treon encourages leaders to contact Training and Education Outreach Program specialist Sandra Beecher to educate Marines about EFMP because some may not realize they qualify for these services.

"You never know how or when or if your life will be affected by the challenge of caring for an EFM, especially overseas," she said. "It's important to know what venues of support you have available."

For more information on the EFMP, contact Treon at 645-9237, or e-mail efmp@okinawa.mccs.org.



During the Letters & Numbers event, occupational therapists are helping children write their letters.



Jalesia Clardy-Josephs, 7 smiles through her letter O at an Exceptional Family Member Program event Aug. 12. Clardy-Josephs attends E.C. Killin Elementary School.



nal and physical therapists help children practice



Randolph Tumpalan, 4, practices writing the letter B as his mother, Ligaya Tumpalan, looks on at an Exceptional Family Member Program event Aug. 12. Randolph attends Zukeran Elementary school.



Maya and Saya Boullion, 5, share a smile as their mother, Toshiko Boullion, left, and Educational and Developmental Intervention Services physical therapist Carla Yballe, right, look on at an Exceptional Family Member Program event Aug. 12.



Marines precisely cut material to be used during construction of an annex being added to the Pechmony Health Center during construction Aug. 8.

Restoring health and hope with construction

**Story and Photos by
Lance Cpl. Jeffrey Cordero**
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At the center of a small market town in the Kampong Speu Province, the sounds of drills and hammers were heard among the busy shops as U.S. Marines and sailors along with Royal Cambodian Armed Forces engineers worked throughout August to restore a closed down medical facility.

Restoring the Veal Ang Popel Health Center was part of the Cambodia Interoperability Program Engineer Civic Assistance Project 2009. Not only did they finish construction, but they finished before the expected completion date of Tuesday.

The health center was once a children's clinic and a delivery hospital.

The project was expected to take more than a month to complete, but the U.S. Marines and sailors and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces engineers completed the project in less than three weeks.

Infrastructure and design improvements included replacing the ceiling, roofing and tiling; adding ramp accessibility and installing electrical power with solar panels.

Many of the improvements were done to reduce the effects of corrosion, aging and termite damage, according to Sgt. Bradley S. Carlton the platoon sergeant of combat engineer platoon, Engineer Operations Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

The project was part of Cambodia Interoperability Program 09, an effort of U.S. and Cambodian governments to build relationships and develop bonds between the forces.

A ceremony marking the opening of the center was conducted Thursday.

Marines and sailors are also working with Royal Cambodian Armed Forces engineers to restore the Pechmony Health Center, which should be completed by the end of August.



Lance Cpl. Nicolette J. Hawkins, a combat engineer with combat engineer platoon, Engineer Operations Company, Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, and Lun Thea, a soldier with the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces, fix the tiling in a room at the Pechmony Health Center in Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia.



A Marine with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172, Marine Wing Support Group 17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, prepares tiles for one of the rooms of the Veal Ang Popel Health Center during an engineer civil assistance program part of Cambodia Interoperability Program 2009.

By land, by sea

Corporals Course under way while underway

Lance Cpl. Michael A. Bianco
31ST MARINE EXPEDITIONARY UNIT

A Corporals Course, held aboard the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex, Aug. 3-9, sharpened leadership skills for more than 60 Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit.

The course provided training in Marine Corps history, military justice, physical fitness, sexual harassment and leadership styles and traits.

Sgt. Maj. Carlton W. Kent, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, recognized the noncommissioned officer is a valued part and a major contributor in the Corps' success.

"The role of the Marine NCO has not changed in the Corps since 1775," Kent said in a March e-mail to the Okinawa Marine. "NCOs have always been, and will remain, the 'backbone' of our Corps. The role of the NCO is one of the most important leadership roles to mission accomplishment."

Corporals Course is another method used by the Corps to reinforce the role of the NCO.

"This isn't just another check in the box for Marines," said Staff Sgt. Justin Green, the chief instructor for the Corporals Course. "It's paramount for us to instill the Corps' values and traditions during the course so they can pass along the knowledge to their Marines."

No matter if it's a lance corporal waiting to pick up corporal or a seasoned NCO, the course

is designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary to lead Marines by highlighting leadership fundamentals and the comprehension of general military subjects.

This at-sea course provided students the flexibility to reach their goals in becoming better leaders despite the MEU's operational tempo and demanding work schedule.

"A lot of jobs change for Marines on ship," Green said. "The ones that are constantly working ashore might have a lighter schedule on ship. Now when the (operational tempo) is higher, the course can adjust in order to allow members the opportunity to participate without having to worry about falling behind in their normal work responsibilities."

Corporal Courses ashore can last for two or three weeks; on ship, it is five days. However, the course continued to test the students' personal strengths.

"The instructors didn't want to lose any of the integral components of the course," said Cpl. Matthew Boelke, intelligence analyst from the 31st MEU and graduate of the Corporals Course. "The course was shorter in length, but we worked 15-plus-hour days in order to encompass all subjects."

Even with the long and strenuous days, Boelke said he was satisfied with the results.

"As an NCO, it's my responsibility to teach my Marines good morals, ethos and values," said Boelke, a Minneapolis, Minn., native. "The Corporals Course taught me how to be a stron-



Cpl. Dustin T. Fox, an aviation ordnance technician from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262 Reinforced, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, demonstrates "present arms" with his noncommissioned officer sword during the test phase of the Corporals Course, Aug. 7. The course was held aboard the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex Aug. 3-9.

ger leader, and the knowledge I learned will allow me to train my Marines to the best of my abilities."

Green was also pleased with the course.

"I believe the course was a great success," Green said. "The students and the instructors learned a lot from one another, and it helped both become better leaders."



Marines from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, practice "eyes right," a sword manual command, during a Corporals Course aboard the forward-deployed amphibious assault ship USS Essex, Aug. 7. Photos by Lance Cpl. Kentavist P. Brackin

Opening gates to food, friendship at festival

Futenma hosts 31st annual fair

Pfc. Justin R. Wheeler

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Japanese locals and Americans gathered Saturday and Sunday for the 31st annual Futenma Flightline Fair, on the airstrip here, in order to build community relations and simply have fun.

"It's a once a year exposé when we open the gates of the air station to our local national host," said Sgt. Maj. Timothius M. Robinson, the air station sergeant major and a Danville, Va., native. "It's a two-day event full of entertainment and family fun."

This fun included children's rides, carnival games, aircraft and equipment displays, live performances, athletic competitions and a fireworks display.

Displayed aircraft included a KC-135 from Kadena Air Base, as well as a KC-130J, AH-1 Cobra, F-18 Hornet and other Marine aircraft from the air station.

The festival also included American and Japanese food and music.

American favorites like hot dogs and hamburgers, as well as traditional Japanese cuisine such as yakisoba, Japanese noodles, and yakitori, chicken on a stick, were available.

The Myxed, a variety band, incorporated many music styles into their performance both days.

The Brenda Vaughn Band followed Myxed with a rhythm and blues performance.

"Every year we have a concert which includes top performers," Robinson said.

The T-da Hip-Hop dance crew performed while maintaining dance moves and a wide range of music.

"When it comes to festivals this is the one you do not want to miss," Robinson said.

The festival gives Marines an opportunity to build relationships with the local populous, Robinson said.

Preparations for next year's fair are already in the works and started the day after this year's fair ended, Robinson said.



Japanese cuisine was offered with much variety at many different booths at the Futenma Flightline Fair. Photo by Pfc. Justin R. Wheeler

101 recipes (not really) to add pizzazz to your meal-not-so-ready-to-eat

Lance Cpl. J Nava

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Field rations for troops during the Civil War consisted of often poorly-preserved meat, coffee and hardtack, a type of hard biscuit that was sometimes months old or infested with weevils.

By World Wars I and II, better preserved meals of salted meat, hard bread, sugar and coffee were available and these eventually turned into the elaborate Meals Ready to Eat Marines know today.

Field rations have come a long way from their humble beginnings, but according to some Marines, there is still room for improvement or at least experimentation.

"They are just so bland," said Lance Cpl. Stephen Bauer, a logistics vehicle system operator with 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3rd Marine Logistics Group, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "After a while they all begin to taste the same." Bauer is from Nashville, Tenn.

For that reason, many like-minded Marines throughout the years dedicated their hallowed chow time to inventing new, delectable concoctions and brews using the ingredients readily available in MREs.

For those who may not be as creative, these recipes have traveled around the Corps by word of mouth, giving Marines a chance to make

their chow time in the field rival that of some gourmet restaurants.

The following are just a couple of the meals Marines have created to add an extra kick to their food.

Most of these recipes will require some trading and bartering with fellow Marines to acquire all the necessary ingredients.

Baghdad Chili

Ingredients:

- 1 Grilled Beef Steak, heated
- 1 Western Style Beans, heated
- 1 package of Crackers
- 1 package of Red Pepper

Directions:

Break Beef Steak into smaller chunks, add Western Style Beans to Beef Steak chunks and remaining sauce. Crush the crackers and add them to the dish.

To complete the creation, add red pepper and seasoning from accessory pack, to taste.

Beef and Dumplings aka Ranger Stew

Ingredients:

- 1 Beef Stew
- 1 package of Crackers
- Hot Sauce, to taste
- Water

Directions:

Heat the Beef Stew for a minimum of 10 minutes. Without opening package, crush crackers into a uniform powder. Open the package,

add a small amount of water and form a pasty dough. Using your hands, roll the dough into dumplings. Add the dumplings to the stew. Add hot sauce, to taste.

Ranger Pudding

Ingredients:

- 1 Cocoa Beverage Powder
- 1 package of coffee creamer
- 1 package of sugar (optional)
- Water

Directions:

Mix Cocoa Beverage Powder, creamer and sugar together. Add small amounts of water and stir until desired consistency is achieved.

Other beverage powders, such as coffee, and cappuccino mixes, can be added to give the pudding extra flavor.

Enchilada Soup

Ingredients:

- 1 Beef Enchiladas, heated
- 1 Cheese Spread, heated
- 4 ounces water, heated (1/6 canteen cup)
- Hot Sauce, to taste

Directions:

Cut the Beef Enchiladas into small pieces. Add Cheese Spread, Hot Sauce and water. Mix well.

The outermost MRE packaging can be turned into a makeshift bowl by folding down the top edge and pouring the soup into the resulting bowl.

IN THEATERS

AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3

Movie schedule is subject to change without notice. Call in advance to confirm show times. For a complete listing, visit <http://www.aafes.com>.

FOSTER 645-3465

TODAY Aliens in the Attic (PG), 6 p.m.; The Time Traveler's Wife (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY Aliens in the Attic (PG), noon and 3 p.m.; Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG13), 6 p.m.; Year One (PG13), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Aliens in the Attic (PG), 1 p.m.; Post Grad (PG13), 4 and 8 p.m.

MONDAY Aliens in the Attic (PG), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Public Enemies (R), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Public Enemies (R), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY Post Grad (PG13), 7 p.m.

FUTENMA 622-9616

TODAY Closed

SATURDAY Closed

SUNDAY Closed

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Closed

THURSDAY Closed

HANSEN 623-4564

TODAY Public Enemies (R), 6 p.m.; Dance Flick (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG13), 6 p.m.; The Hangover (R), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG13), 2 p.m.; Dance Flick (PG13), 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY Post Grad (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY To be determined

WEDNESDAY To be determined

THURSDAY To be determined

SCHWAB 625-2333

TODAY G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY My Sister's Keeper (PG13), 5 p.m.

SUNDAY The Proposal (PG13), 5 p.m.

MONDAY-THURSDAY Closed

KADENA 634-4422

TODAY District 9 (R), 6 p.m.; Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG13), 9 p.m.

SATURDAY The Time Traveler's Wife (PG13), noon, 3 and 6 p.m.; Public Affairs (R), 9 p.m.

SUNDAY The Time Traveler's Wife (PG13), 1 and 4 p.m.; Public Enemies (R), 9 p.m.

MONDAY G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG13), 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG13), 7 p.m.

THURSDAY G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG13), 7 p.m.

COURTNEY 622-9616

TODAY Post Grad (PG13), 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Imagine That (PG), 2 p.m.; My Sister's Keeper (PG13), 7 p.m.

SUNDAY G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG13), 7 p.m.

MONDAY My Sister's Keeper (PG13), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY Closed

WEDNESDAY Closed

THURSDAY Closed

KINSER 637-2177

TODAY Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY Night at the Museum 2 (PG), 3 p.m.; Post Grad (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY My Sister's Keeper (PG13), 3 p.m.; Public Enemies (R), 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY Closed

TUESDAY X-Men: Origins: Wolverine (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY Post Grad (PG13), 3 and 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY Drag me to Hell (PG13), 6:30 p.m.

USO MOVIE NIGHTS

The USO hosts movie nights at the locations below.

For schedules and start times, call:

CAMP SCHWAB 625-3834

MCAS FUTENMA 636-2113

CAMP HANSEN 623-5011

KADENA AIR BASE 632-8781



For more information or to sign up, contact the Single Marine Program office at 645-3681.

All bus pick-up points will be at Semper Fit gyms or the Foster Fieldhouse.

SINGLE MARINE PROGRAM EVENTS

TRIP TO THAILAND

• Experience the wonders of Thailand on a six-day trip there. SMP will depart Oct. 8 and return Oct. 14. For more details and to sign up, call the SMP office.

FOREST ADVENTURE PARK

• Enjoy the thrills of the zip lines at Forest Adventure Park Sept. 12. There is a \$10 bus fee and a ¥3000 entrance fee at the park. To sign up and pay the fee please visit the SMP office.

DISCOVER SCUBA PROGRAM

• Learn the basics of scuba diving. Put on the gear, jump in the pool, and see if it's right for you. Discover Scuba will be scheduled on a case by case basis, 10 participants minimum. For more information, call the SMP office.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

• The Marine Thrift Shop on Camp Foster requests two volunteers from each camp on a weekly basis. Tuesday, Kinser and Futenma; Wednesday, Foster and Courtney; Thursday, Hansen and Schwab.

• Volunteer opportunities at the Ai No Mura Nursing Home are the fourth Friday of every month. Call 636-3092 for more information.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

CAMP FOSTER | 645-7486

- **Catholic:** Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m.; Sat., 5 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.
- **Christian Science:** Sun., 11 a.m., Bldg. 442
- **Eastern Orthodox:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.
- **Gospel:** Sun., 11:30 a.m.
- **Hindu:** Sat., 3:30 p.m.
- **Jewish:** Fri., Traditional, 6 p.m.; Informal: 1st, 3rd Fri., 6:30 p.m.
- **Muslim:** Fri., Prayer, 12:45 p.m.
- **Protestant:** Sun., 8:30 a.m.
- **Seventh Day Adventist:** Sat., 10 a.m.

CAMP SCHWAB | 622-9350

- **Catholic:** Sun., 5:30 p.m.
- **Protestant:** Sun., 9 a.m.

CAMP COURTNEY | 622-9350

- **Catholic:** Sun., 8 and 11:15 a.m.; Mon.-Fri., 11:45 a.m.
- **Protestant:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.

CAMP KINSER | 637-1148

- **Catholic:** Sun., 11 a.m.
- **Gospel:** Sun., 8 a.m.
- **Protestant:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.

MCAS FUTENMA | 636-3058

- **Catholic:** Sun., noon
- **Contemporary:** Fri., 7 p.m.; Sun., 9 a.m.
- **High school senior service:** Sat. 6 p.m.

KADENA AIR BASE | 634-1288

- **Catholic:** Sun., 8:30 a.m., Mass, Chapel 3; Sun., 11:30 a.m., Reconciliation, Chapel 3; Sun., 12:30 p.m., Mass, Chapel 3; Sun., 5 p.m., Mass, Chapel 2; Daily Mass, Mon.-Fri., noon, Chapel 2
- **Contemporary:** Kadena High School; Sun., 10:30 a.m.
- **Gospel:** Chapel 3; Sunday School, 8:45 a.m., Bldg. 856
- **Inspirational:** Chapel 2; Sun., 8:30 a.m.
- **Protestant:** Sun., 10:30 a.m.
- **Traditional:** Chapel 2; Sun., 10:30 a.m.
- **Wiccan/Pagan:** Fri., 7 p.m., Bldg. 856; Sat., 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 856

CAMP HANSEN | 622-9350

- **Catholic:** Sun., 10 a.m., E. Chapel
- **Protestant:** Sun., 11 a.m., W. Chapel

CAMP LESTER | 643-7248

- **Catholic:** Sun., 8 a.m., Lester Chapel
- **Non-Denominational:** Sun., 9 a.m., Hospital Chapel; Sun., 10 a.m., Lester Chapel

CAMP MCTUREOUS | 622-9350

- **Gospel:** Sun., 12:30 p.m.
- **Lutheran:** Sun., 9:30 a.m.
- **Protestant Lethurgical:** Sun., 6:30 p.m.

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Killer instinct keeps Bulldogs undefeated

Lance Cpl. J Nava

OKINAWA MARINE STAFF

Clad in Marine Corps crimson and gold, the Foster Bulldogs enter their off-duty battlefield of floodlights and grass. This is not a typical battle fought with rifles or grenades, but one fought with minds, hearts and a pigskin.

The gridiron is their workplace, and football is their line of duty. The Marines and sailors of the undefeated Foster Bulldogs team achieved their 7-0 record through hard work and love for the game.

"The reason we are so good is we practice hard and play as a team," said Johnny Jean Francois, one of the Bulldogs' strong safeties. "Everyone on our team is dedicated, and that's what makes us great."

The Bulldogs were determined to excel above the other teams. They conditioned for two months before they even received their pads and conditioned for an extra month and a half after receiving them before the first game even took place.

The Bulldogs then played their first game in May against the Torii Station Wolf Pack. It was the first full-contact football game since the Okinawa Football League ended in 2005.

"We were all very excited for the first game," said Auburne Edwards, the Foster Bulldogs' coach. "It was the first time we played in a long time, and we were all anxious to see how it went over."

In the end, the Bulldogs defeated Wolf Pack, 45-14.

The Bulldogs play in the U.S.



The Foster Bulldogs and the Torii Station Wolf Pack face off, Aug. 8, at McDonald Stadium on Kadena Air Base.

Photos by Lance Cpl. Paul D. Zellner II

Forces Japan American Football League's southern division, along with the Torii Station Wolf Pack and the Kadena Dragons.

The northern division is on mainland Japan and is made up of the Misawa Jets, Yokota Warriors and Yokosuka Seahawks.

"I think our defense is the reason we are still undefeated," said Jean Francois. "Our defense is top of the line. We don't let anything slide or get by."

So far the Bulldogs, led by their defense, dominated every team in the league except for Yokota, who they haven't played yet, Edwards said. Since the beginning of the season, the defense has only allowed 67 points, 14 of which were special teams points.

"Our biggest asset to success is we have a lot of heart," Edwards said. "We don't like to lose."

Edwards recalled the game against the Yokosuka Seahawks when less than 30 Bulldogs were able to play.

"We had guys playing both offense and defense who hardly ever came off the field," Edwards said. "We were all exhausted in the end, but we won because we never thought about quitting."

A "killer instinct" combined with the Bulldogs' work ethic is what gave them the edge over other teams, he said.

"We have all the right players in all the right spots," said Jean Francois. "No one on our team

is scared to get hit or deliver one, and we all like to get down and dirty when we play football. That is why we are so effective."

If the undefeated Bulldogs are victorious against the Yokota Warriors in the championship game scheduled for Saturday at Kubasaki High School on Camp Foster, it will be one for the record books here.

It would be the first time in about 20 years a Marine team has claimed the championship, and the first time a team has gone undefeated for a season.

"We are looking to make history here," Edwards said. "The Bulldogs are an outstanding, elite bunch of individuals, and I feel confident that we can pull it off."



Foster Bulldog Corey Moore, left, jukes out one of the Wolf Pack at McDonald Stadium on Kadena Air Base, Aug. 8.



Foster Bulldogs, Antonio Houston, right, makes a 60-yard kick return in the second half of the game against the Torii Station Wolf Pack at McDonald Stadium on Kadena Air Base, Aug. 8.